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LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3060 Wilson Road - Birmingham, Alabama 35221

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased that you have consented to be supportive of the President's Initiative on Black Colleges. I am not in a position to speak for the other one hundred and eight black college presidents, but I can speak for this institution. In my personal opinion, making a contribution in actual dollar amounts to be used at the discretion of the institution, would not necessarily be the answer to a long range problem. However, technical aid and assistance from your department would be an answer to the multiplicity of problems we are confronted with. By using this approach the progress in a specific area can be measured and evaluated in terms of how many individuals leave this area and relieve themselves of government subsidiaries such as food stamps and welfare checks.

There are many blacks in this country that do not believe in President Reagan's approach to financial stability for the future of this great country of ours. On the other side of the coin, if one thinks about what the president is doing and compare it with their own personal check they would understand. For example, no one can spend more than they make. This will be a major problem among individuals in all states, cities, and municipalities; this is what has been going on for many years. Every president has promised that they were going to do something about it, but our present president is the only one who has had enough guts to stand by his convictions.

I think that if you were to take all the money in America and divide it equally between all the people in America, within the next two decades the same individuals and successful corporations would still end up with the wealth.

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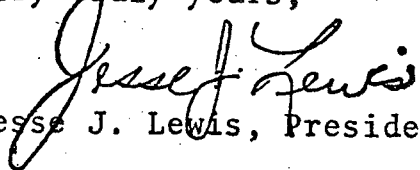
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President's Initiative on Black Colleges

I realize that I stated several things that were not germane to the needs of black institutions, however I am firmly convinced that this institution needs technical assistance and not dollars. In the event that your (company/agency) can help us along these lines, I will be more than pleased to submit to you a factual document in any given area that we can use your expertise.

Very truly yours,


Jesse J. Lewis, President

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